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The President's Resignation.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westminster, held at the Mercantile Club in St. Louis, Thursday, March 5, President Charles B. Boving handed his resignation to the Secretary. After due cosinderation it was accepted to take effect at the end of the present college year, July 1. Dr. Boving came to the college September 1, 1911, when its affairs were in a difficult and critical condition. On account of the well known catastrophe of September, 1909, the attendance was much depleted. Moreover an indebtedness for current expenses of $20,000 had been incurred, while arrangements already made for that year involved the necessity of raising an additional $10,000. By a mistaken policy of retrenchment President Boving was tied up the first year with teaching. Starting out last year to raise the $30,000, he raised $7,000 in gifts and $8,000 in pledges, payable in the next two years. As the current expenses, including the almost $2,000 of interest on the debt, exceeded the income apart from gifts by $10,000, the present year was begun with a debt of $33,000, on which $8,000 was already pledged, but with the necessity of facing a new deficit of $7,000. The president was then at his own suggestion released from all local duties, they being assumed by Dr. Rice, who was made dean of the Faculty. In this way he has been free to give this school year largely to raising the debt, informing the churches of the value and needs of Westminster and paving the way for a yet larger attendance. He hopes before the close of the school year and before the time of his retirement from the presidency to provide for the greater part of this debt. This constant absence from home, having been unsatisfactory to himself and family and having made it impossible to do justice to his local duties, led to his resignation. Dr. Boving came from a successful pastorate in a church of

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nearly six hundred members at Hannibal, Mo., and expresses his intentiton of returning to that line of work. He has not yet determined where his work will be and has of course several months in which to decide.

The Present Administration.

In the two and a half years that Dr. Boving has been president of Westminster he has had the satisfaction, not only of raising one-half of the large indebtedness that had accrued and of putting the college before the people and churches of Missouri, so that its virtues and advantages are perhaps better known than they have been for years, but also of seeing the enrollment climb from 121 to 162, while that in the college proper has increased in the last four years from 55 to 110.

Although Dr. Boving has no desire to remain in his present position and much prefers to return to the duties of the pastorate, he says he does not regret having come back to his Alma Mater for these three years of work and believes the Lord has accomplished through him some things that needed to be done in order to hasten the coming of the "Greater Westminster." Paul plants; Appollos waters; through both God sends the increase. Dr. Kerr greatly strengthened the college internally, having been in college work for twenty-two years. He strengthened the curriculum, catalogued the library, organized the athletics and dignified the commencement. While doing these things, he could not of course be representing the college as fully outside, nor keep it actively before his constituency. After the conflagration of 1909, he raised the funds for the new main building, Westminster Hall; while engaged in this, he could not be raising money for current expenses. Thus the large deficit accrued, which has been the serious handicap of this administration.

Dr. Boving on the other hand has had to leave local affairs from the first largely in the hands of the other members of the Faculty and give his whole attention to the outside duties of finance, publicity and student getting. In one of the largest churches in the state, in which he spoke, the pastor said he was the first representative of Westminster that had spoken in his church during the ten years of his pastorate. In another large church the pastor stated that he was the first representative of any of the colleges that had spoken in his church during the five years of his pastorate. The present president has gone tirelessly from place to place over the two synods, without a day of vacation since he came to the college in September, 1911, and has done much not only to make the people know Westminster better, but also to realize the supreme importance of this great subject of Christian education to the church at large at this time.

The Coming Year.

Dr. Boving, an alumnus of the college and always an enthusiastic friend and firm believer in its mission and in its future, does not retire until the end of this college year, July 1. He hopes it will be possible for the board to have a suitable man ready for inauguration at that time, or at least by September 1. He expresses the belief that the attendance

can be made to reach the coveted "200 mark" next year and hopes the church will soon awaken to its obligation and privilege of providing abundantly for the physical equipment and sufficient endowment of this generous feeder to the ranks of leadership in the church and state. May God soon raise up some generous Presbyterian, who will make this college his, or her, special philanthropy and do for it what Dr. William S. Woods, of Kansas City, has done for the college in Fulton that gratefully bears his name and to which he has given in different amounts a sum total of $200,000, besides promising, it is reported, to double any amount given by others for endowment, up to $1,000,000.

Gifts to the Library.

In the last year and a half the Westminster library has received 1,094 volumes in gifts from various persons, to whom the school is greatly indebted and duly grateful. Prof. and Mrs. A. L. Hallquest, who left us last June to go to the University of Illinois, were largely instrumental in this. Their work has been well followed up this year by President Boving and Librarian Glenn R. Morrow. These books came from the following:

R. L. Andrae, 2 volumes; A. G. Edwards, 27; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Edwards, 43; Miss L. M. Boving, 7; Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Boving, 52; Misses Louise and Eleanor Boving, 9; Frank C. Boving, 6; William E. Guy, 155; Mrs. Clara Clemens Gabrilowitsch, 26; Mr. W. G. McDannold, 223; Dr. A. A. Wallace, 65; Stockwell Forsythe, 11; Frank Earsman, 9; W. H. Kerr, 4; Dr. D. R. Kerr, 53; J. F. Llewellyn, 24; Psychology Class, 10; Philalethian Society, 3; Mrs. Florence Kimball Russell, 3; Secretary of State (Mo.), 2; Dr. J. H. Scott, 15; C. D. Smiley, 23; Augustus T.Smythe, 10; Miss M. C. Woodbridge, 4; Rev. M. H. Kerr, 12; Dr. H. R. Neeper, 32; Dr. William R. Dobyns, 100; Caspar L. Woodbridge, 2; Louis Huggins, 10; Equitable Tax League, 3; American Swedenborg Publishing House, 8; A. C. Gaebelein, 2; Gospel Tract Company, 2; J. R. Green, 2; Prof. A. L. Hallquest, 40; Harvard University, 5; Dr. Lowell M. McAfee, 4; W. C. Maughs, 2; R. F. McCampbell, 2; Odessa Church, 27; T. H. Van Sant, 3; Scribner's 2; F. H. Wright, 2; Anonymous, 82; Mrs. T. P. McCampbell, 5; J. W. Allen, 2; and the following, one each—Altgeld Memorial Association, Charles F. Lamkin, Philologic Society, W. L. Webb, Mrs. J. C. West, Dempsey Anderson, R. M. Bandy, P. S. Parker, H. S. Belden, L. V. Buschman, W. G. Coxhead, P. W. Fischer, Francis E. Fisher, Spencer Edmunds, A. R. Dallmeyer, S. P. Dalton, Doubleday, Page and Company, Gunthrope Publishing Company, Mrs. A. L. Hallquest, Harry L. Harner, Rex T. Hasgall, Blaine Hedges, Grady Hord, Prof. Russell Johnston, International Reform Bureau, J. McW. Lemon, C. N. McAllister, G. N. McClusky, J. N. McCue, J. S. McCampbell, Lester Miller, Vernor Miller, Missouri Valley Sabidura, McMillan Company, Men and Religion Movement, James R. Moorehead, Jr., Rebman Company, F. A. Rootes, G. L. Raymond, Mrs. Sausser, H. C. Shuttee, T. H. Shuttee, J. Francis Sullivan, Jr., R. H. Tait, Jr., W. K. Thurmond, J. Holt Tipton, Paul S. Van Dyke, E. B. Vaughan, H. H. Vaughan, W. H. Wallace, W. B. Whit-

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low, E. T. Wilkes, W. W. Woodbridge, Lakeside Press, A. B. Dodd, J. R. Cunningham, F. S. Hancock, Dr. J. J. Rice and T. M. Webster, Jr.

This brings our number of volumes up to about 5,500, but you know we must have 8,000 by November, 1916, in order to meet the requirement of the Missouri College Union. Is your name on the honor roll above? If not, we are sure it is only because your good intention is not yet carried out. We would be glad to acknowledge your contribution of books selected from your own library, or your gift of money to be judiciously invested in books by some of the college authorities in the next number of the News Letter.

The Intercollegiate Oratorical.

The state oratorical contest was held at Central College, Fayette, on Thursday evening, March 5. Roswell P. Henderson, of Molino, represented Westminster. Although he won only fifth place, it was said that there was but a slight difference of grades between Mr. Henderson and the three men just ahead of him. T. F. Lantz, of Park College, was an "easy first" in the contest. His subject was "The Scarred Hero of the Dark Continent." Mr. Henderson spoke on "The Passing of the Individual."

The Prohibition Oratorical.

For a prize of $25, offered by the Presbyterian General Assembly's Temperance Committee (U. S. A.), H. L. Bates, R. P. Henderson, R. W. Wenzlick and Glenn R. Morrow contested in the Synodical College chapel recently. This is the third annual contest and was won by Glenn R. Morrow. R. P. Henderson won second place and will represent Westminster as committeeman in the state contest to be held in Marshall, April 13; where Mr. Morrow will represent us as speaker, contesting with students from four other Missouri colleges.

College Press Association.

Representatives of ten Missouri colleges met at Westminster on Monday, March 16, and organized a state collegiate press association. J. R. Green, of the Westminster Fortnightly, was elected president for the ensuing year. Mr. Green is the present editor-in-chief of our college magazine and has given us thus far the best periodical the students have ever issued here. The organization of this press association is a move in the right direction. Another meeting will be held in Columbia in connection with journalism week at the State University during the latter part of May.

The Kansas City Track Meet.

Coach LeMire and his team of six men attended the track meet at Convention Hall, Kansas City, on March 6. The Westminster boys were champions in the relay race and made good records in other events.

Chapel Lectures.

Dr. D. S. Gage gave a series of talks on foreign missions at the chapel services of February 26, 27 and March 3. He viewed the subject from its political, social and religious view points. H. W. McCutchan, '07, is the representative of the Westminster Living Link League in China.